

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 35-43, and amend or maintain Claims 44-54, as shown in the Listing of Claims below. This Listing of Claims is a complete listing of all Claims ever presented and replaces all prior versions, and listings, of the Claims in the instant application. The amendments to the Claims reflect the Examiner's suggestion, with minor clarification, and add no new matter.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-43 (canceled)

Claim 44 (Currently amended): A cosmetic composition ~~according to claim 35,~~ further comprising:

(A) one or more cosmetically-active ingredients;

(B) a mixture of isomeric esters of citric acid, the mixtures containing one or more esters corresponding to formula III:



in which R', R'', R''', independently, represent a hydrogen atom, a C₆₋₂₂-alkyl group, or an ethoxylated C₆₋₂₂-alkyl group, the ethoxylated alkyl group containing from 2-to-20 parts ethylene oxide-per-alkyl group, with the proviso that at least one of the substituents R', R'' and R''' represents such an ethoxylated alkyl group in each ester, wherein the ratio, by weight, of a C₆₋₂₂-alkyl groups-to-ethoxylated C₆₋₂₂-alkyl groups in the mixture is from 10:1-to-1:1;

(C) an alkyl ether sulphate or alkenyl ether sulfate of formula V, or a mixture thereof:



in which R⁴ is a linear or branched alkyl and/or alkenyl group containing 6 to 22 carbon atoms[[,]] ; m is ~~a number of~~ 1 to 10; and X is an alkali metal, an and/or alkaline earth metal,

ammonium, alkylammonium, alkanolammonium or glucammonium, or wherein, in an alkyl ether sulfate or an alkenyl ether sulfate of formula V, or in a mixture thereof, when X is an alkali metal in one or more molecules of such alkyl ether sulfate or of such alkenyl ether sulfate of formula V, or of each in such a mixture, X may also be an alkaline earth metal in one or more molecules of such alkyl ether sulfate or of such alkenyl ether sulfate of formula V, or of each in such a mixture, or when X is an alkaline earth metal in one or more molecules of such alkyl ether sulfate or of such alkenyl ether sulfate of formula V, or of each in such a mixture, X may also be an alkali metal in one or more other molecules of such alkyl ether sulfate or of such alkenyl ether sulfate of formula V, or of each in such a mixture; and
(D) water.

Claim 45 (Currently amended): A cosmetic composition ~~according to Claim 35,~~ further comprising:

(A) one or more cosmetically-active ingredients;

(B) a mixture of isomeric esters of citric acid, the mixtures containing one or more esters corresponding to formula III:



in which R', R'', R''', independently, represent a hydrogen atom, a C₆₋₂₂-alkyl group, or an ethoxylated C₆₋₂₂-alkyl group, the ethoxylated alkyl group containing from 2-to-20 parts ethylene oxide-per-alkyl group, with the proviso that at least one of the substituents R', R'' and R''' represents such an ethoxylated alkyl group in each ester, wherein the ratio, by weight, of a C₆₋₂₂-alkyl groups-to-ethoxylated C₆₋₂₂-alkyl groups in the mixture is from 10:1-to-1:1;

(C) an alkyl or and alkenyl oligoglycoside of formula IV, or a mixture thereof:



where R³ is an alkyl ~~and~~/or alkenyl group containing 4 to 22 carbon atoms, G is a sugar unit containing 5 or 6 carbon atoms, and p is ~~a number of~~ 1 to 10; and

(D) water.

Claim 46 (Currently amended): A cosmetic composition according to claim 45, wherein the aggregate ratio, by weight, of the alkyl ~~or and~~ alkenyl oligoglycoside, or mixture thereof to the isomeric esters of citric acid is from 3:1 to 1:3.

Claim 47 (Currently amended): An aqueous cosmetic composition comprising:

(A) one or more cosmetically-active ingredients;

(B) a mixture of isomeric esters of citric acid, the mixtures containing esters corresponding to ~~the~~ formula III:



in which R', R'', R''', independently, represent a hydrogen atom, a C₆₋₂₂ alkyl group, or an ethoxylated C₆₋₂₂ alkyl group, the ethoxylated alkyl group containing 2 to 20 parts ethylene oxide per alkyl group, with the proviso that at least one of the substituents R', R'' and R''' represents such an ethoxylated alkyl group, wherein the ratio, by weight, of a C₆₋₂₂ alkyl groups to ethoxylated C₆₋₂₂ alkyl groups in the mixture is from 10:1 to 1:1; and

(C) an alkyl ether sulphate or alkenyl ether sulfate of formula V, or a mixture thereof:



in which R⁴ is a linear or branched alkyl ~~and~~/or alkenyl group containing 6 to 22 carbon atoms, m is ~~a number of~~ 1 to 10, and X is an alkali metal and/or alkaline earth metal, ammonium, alkylammonium, alkanolammonium or glucammonium, or

wherein, in an alkyl ether sulfate or an alkenyl ether sulfate of formula V, or in a mixture thereof, when X is an alkali metal in one or more molecules of such alkyl ether sulfate or of such alkenyl ether sulfate of formula V, or of each in such a mixture, X may also be an alkaline earth metal in one or more molecules of such alkyl ether sulfate or of such alkenyl ether sulfate of formula V, or of each in such a mixture, or when X is an alkaline earth metal in one or more molecules of such alkyl ether sulfate or of such alkenyl ether sulfate of formula V, or of each in such a mixture, X may also be an alkali metal in one or more other molecules of such alkyl ether sulfate or of such alkenyl ether sulfate of formula V, or of each in such a mixture.

Claim 48 (Currently amended): An aqueous cosmetic composition according to claim 47, wherein the C₆₋₂₂ alkyl group and the C₆₋₂₂ alkyl group of the ethoxylated C₆₋₂₂ alkyl group are both, independently, each a C₁₂₋₁₈ alkyl groups.

Claim 49 (Currently amended): An aqueous cosmetic composition according to claim 47, wherein the ratio of a C₆₋₂₂ alkyl groups to ethoxylated C₆₋₂₂ alkyl groups in (B) is from 4:1 to 1:1.

Claim 50 (Previously presented): An aqueous cosmetic composition according to claim 47, wherein the ratio of mono-esters to diesters in the mixture of component (B) is from 1:1 to 2:1.

Claim 51 (Currently amended): An aqueous cosmetic composition comprising:

(A) one or more cosmetically-active ingredients;

(B) a mixture of isomeric esters of citric acid, the mixtures containing esters corresponding to the formula III:



in which R', R'', R''', independently, represent a hydrogen atom, a C₆₋₂₂ alkyl group, or an ethoxylated C₆₋₂₂ alkyl group, the ethoxylated alkyl group containing 2 to 20 parts ethylene oxide per alkyl group, with the proviso that at least one of the substituents R', R'' and R''' represents such an ethoxylated alkyl group, wherein the ratio, by weight, of C₆₋₂₂ alkyl groups to ethoxylated C₆₋₂₂ alkyl groups in the mixture is from 10:1 to 1:1; and
(C) an alkyl or ~~and~~ alkenyl oligoglycoside of formula IV, or a mixture thereof:



where R³ is an alkyl ~~and/or~~ alkenyl group containing 4 to 22 carbon atoms, G is a sugar unit containing 5 or 6 carbon atoms, and p is ~~a number of~~ 1 to 10.

Claim 52 (Currently amended): An aqueous cosmetic composition according to claim 51, wherein the C₆₋₂₂ alkyl group and the C₆₋₂₂ alkyl group of the ethoxylated C₆₋₂₂ alkyl group are each, independently, a C₁₂₋₁₈ alkyl group.

Claim 53 (currently amended): An aqueous cosmetic composition according to claim 51, wherein the ratio of the C₆₋₂₂ alkyl groups to ethoxylated C₆₋₂₂ alkyl groups in (B) is from 4:1 to 1:1.

Claim 54 (Previously presented): An aqueous cosmetic composition according to claim 51, wherein the ratio of mono-esters to diesters in the mixture of component (B) is from 1:1 to 2:1.